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HOW TO... Protect your identity online

Karl Wright shows you how to keep your identity safe from thieves with GhostSurf Platinum on this month's cover disc

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When you surf the internet, you leave tracks, both on your PC and on the servers and other PCs to which you connect. Other web users may also be able to intercept traffic transmitted between your PC and the sites you visit. Making sure that this doesn't happen isn't just important because it safeguards your privacy – it may also keep thieves from stealing your identity and even your money. Tenebril's GhostSurf Platinum allows you to cover your online tracks and remove traces of your internet activity from your PC.

1 From the Full Products section of the cover disc, click on the entry for GhostSurf Platinum. Launch the install wizard and run the installation routine. When it appears, make sure that the 'Always anonymize internet and block ads' box is ticked. When prompted, reboot the PC.

Once the computer has restarted, the installation routine will complete itself. After that, you will be asked to enter your order number and email address: you will need to enter the order number provided when you registered. If you use a browser other than Internet Explorer then you will need to configure that browser to use the proxy details that GhostSurf Platinum provides.

2 Open GhostSurf from the Start menu, then open the Privacy Control Center. From the Privacy tab, choose the level of security you wish to use. For complete safety, choose the setting Secure. Your internet traffic will then be encrypted and routed via the GhostSurf server. On the tab Special Sites, specify any sites you wish to be exempt from GhostSurf's security measures. This is important because some sites won't work properly unless they are exempt.

3 From the main menu, open SpyCatcher. Schedule the SpyCatcher scan to run at least once a week, preferably at a time when you won't be using the PC. Next choose the level of protection you want; we recommend either custom or, if you don't want to specify lots of settings manually, high.

4 Now open TracksCleaner, which deletes your browsing history, and specify which elements to wipe, such as browser history, cookies and so on. Still in Tracks Eraser, click on the Strength button on the left-hand side and choose Gutmann's algorithm; this ensures that your data is overwritten thoroughly. Finally, from the same list, click on Scheduler and tell the program how often you wish it to erase your browsing history, and when. **CS**

